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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1883.

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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON—W. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 39, Cornhill. GIBBS & CO., 10, Abchurch Lane. HAYES & CO., 47, Pall Mall. J. & W. GOSWELL, 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE—GALLIER & PIERCE, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK—ANDREW WING, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND—ANDERSON & GOSWELL, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO—American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. O. HENNINGSEN & CO., Malacca.

CHINA—MORSE, MARSH & A. DE MELLO & CO., Canton, QUELON & CO. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO. Pootung, HADON & CO. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KILBY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INTEREST received on New Shares, \$26,705.62

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Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1882, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 10, 1883. oc20

JOHN MOIR & SON, LIMITED,

LONDON, ABERDEEN, SEVILLE, AND

WILMINGTON, U.S.A.

HAVE BEEN AWARDED

A GOLD MEDAL,

AT THE

GRAND INTERNATIONAL

FISHERIES EXHIBITION, 1883.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGERS, on THURSDAY, the 25th Instant, at 12 o'clock, in accordance with the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1865 and 1877.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Dated 17th October, 1883. oc26

HONGKONG RACES—1883.

THIS MEETING will take place on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd February.

Shareholders having suggestions to offer or presentations to make are invited to communicate with the CLERK of the Course on or before the 27th Instant.

By Order,
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 10, 1883. oc28

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned, No. 7, Queen's Road, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of October instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. oc31

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. oc31

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st day of October instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. oc31

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will return to each Insurer through them 83 1/2 % of any profit there may be on his account for the 12 months ending the 30th April in each year.

In the first settlement, only transactions initiated between the date and the 30th April next will be included.

The settlement will be made so soon as the Risks covered in each period have run off, and will be based on the difference between Net Premiums received, and Losses and Claims paid.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, October 4, 1883. oc4

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TO HAND PER "GLENAGLE"

PEARS ASSORTED BEST TOILET SOAPS.

PEARS PRICKLY HEAT SOAP.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CARBOLIC DISINFECTING POWER IN DREDGERS.

WINTER-HOSIERY.

TAILORING GOODS IN THIS SEASON'S PATTERNS.

THE NEW CLIMAX UMBRELLAS, guaranteed to "wear."

THE NEW TODDY KETTLES WITH LAMPS.

THE NEW COFFEE MACHINES.

THE DUPLEX TABLE LAMPS, latest designs.

ARTISTIC FENDERS AND FIRE IRONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1883.

SAYLE & Co.'s SHOW-ROOMS.

JUST RECEIVED EX "GLENELG" AND NOW SHOWING.

CHEAP TRIMMED MILLINERY in latest styles.

SPECIALITIES in BEAVER, FELT, and STRAW HATS, and BONNETS in newest shapes.

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY, SILKS, VELVETS, SATINS, &c., &c., &c.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGERS, on THURSDAY, the 25th Instant, at 12 o'clock, in accordance with the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1865 and 1877.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 10, 1883. oc1

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank of the above-mentioned places.

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Intimations.

MRS. P. SMITH, PRIVATE TIEFFIN ROOMS,

Nov. 8 & 9, Brompton Road.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS AT ALL HOURS.

TIEFFIN ROOMS, BILLIARD ROOM, AND READING ROOM.

N.B.—NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE USE OF READING AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD and LODGING can be made by applying to Mrs. P. SMITH, On the Premises, Brompton Road.

Hongkong, October 18, 1883. oc18

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., NESS IRON WORKS.

HAVING THIS Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced ENGINEER.

Orders executed with the utmost dispatch and at moderate rates.

ENGINE ROOMS, WEST POINT, Hongkong.

24th September, 1883. 25oc24

To Let.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

GO DOWN S-T-O-L-E-T.

PRATA EAST AND WANGCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO LET.

SPACIOUS GODOWN at BOWENSTON, suitable for the Storage of Coal.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 8, 1883.

TO LET.

"FAIRLEA," BOWMAN ROAD.

OFFICES and COMPTROLLER'S QUARTERS in MARINE HOUSE.

Apply to E. R. BELLHOS.

Hongkong, October 9, 1883. oc28

TO LET.

"BISNIE VILLA" Pokfulam, Furnished.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, August 30, 1883.

For Sale.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts \$18 per 1 doz. Case.

Pints \$10 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET in cases of 1 doz. Quarts at.....\$3.50.

WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS in cases of 12 Bottles at.....\$6.00.

Also, some PRIME HOLLAND JEN- EVER in Stone bottles, and some POMERANZEN BITTERS.

Double Barreled Breach Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c., &c.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 21 and 23, Pottinger Street.

Hongkong, August 10, 1883. oc16

FOR SALE.

THE Netherlands Iron Screw Steamer "Z. R. O. M. P." 137 Tons Register.

For Particulars, apply to the CAPTAIN on Board or to EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1883. oc22

C. L. THEVENIN, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING, HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED BURGUNDIES.—GRAND HERMITAGE, CHATELAIN, FOMMARD, RICHENBOURG, CHARLES, FINE and Quarts, &c., &c.

OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKY, COGNAC, Assorted LIQUEURS and SYRUPS; PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

PUBLICATIONS.

BY JOHN CHALMERS, M.A., LL.D., to be bought of LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KELLY & WALSH.

Structure of Chinese Characters,.....\$4.00.

Cantonese Dictionary,.....3.00.

Concise Kanghri, half calf,.....5.00.

Do. stitched,.....2.00.

Tai-tai-king,.....2.00.

The Question of Terms,.....1.00.

Origin of the Chinese,.....1.50.

The Rhymes of the Shi,.....1.00.

LONDON MESSRS. HONGKONG, May 16, 1883. oc16

NOW ON SALE.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA
BACON**
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

White BEANS.
TOPOGAN BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
CODFISH in Tins.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEER in 25 lb kegs.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 2 lb cans.
Cutting Assorted FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCROTASH.
BRANWY.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
HONEY.
Corn STARCH.
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb. " "
1,000 lb. " "
1,500 lb. " "

CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.
AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFFLE IRONS.
SMOOTHING IRONS.
PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
STORES,
including:

BREAKFAST TONGUES.
CAVIAR.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.
TREVISEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
COCOATINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LEROUX & EPP'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
PATE-DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.
SAUSAGES.
BROWN.
DANISH BUTTER.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

ENGLISH CUTLERY.
ELECTRO-PLATE.
CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, phits & quarts.
JES. GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 2 star HENRI'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOIS & Co. BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEER WHISKY.
BOON'S OLD TOM.
E. J. BUCKER'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOLLE FRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
CHABRE'S GINGER BRANDY.
EASTERN CIDER.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CROCCAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOTTLED and ORANGE
BITTERS, &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, phits and quarts.
GUINNESS STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BAKER, phits and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, July 10, 1883.

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
BOMBA Y.

ON TUESDAY, the 22nd October,
1883, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
AMAZON, Commandant de Merveux,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPORE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 22nd October.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 22nd October. (Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 1, 1883. oc23

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-
HAMA.)

THE S.S. TAKACHIO MARI, Capt.
N.Y., due here on or about the
21st Instant, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 26th October, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed until 2 p.m.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Yokohama
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Office, Praya Central, Ground
Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883. oc26

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, ADEN, MARSEILLES,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND LONDON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
SUTLEJ, Captain A. H. JOHNSON, with
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this Port for LONDON direct, via SUEZ
CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on
TUESDAY, the 30th October, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Pas-
sengers for MARSEILLES.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 18, 1883. oc30

Notices to Consignees.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.
FROM BATAVIA AND SAIGON.

THE Steamship Camorta, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 15, 1883. oc22

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Anadir.
Address Mr. Mansfield, 2 Cusks.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1883.

Mr. Andrew Wind,
News Agent, &c.,
133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK;
is authorized to receive Subscriptions,
Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail,
Overland China Mail, and China Review.

Insurances.

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against FIRE at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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per cent. net premium per annum.

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Buildings or on Goods stored therein,
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ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

JUST RECEIVED
ST. JACOB'S OIL.
HOP BITTERS.
ELECTRIC HAIR BRUSHES.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, September 24, 1883. 8654

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Fokien,"
Captain HANNA, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883. oc22

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Diamond,"
Captain CUTLER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, 22nd Inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883. oc22

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEI-
LAISE DE NAVIGATION
A VAPEUR.

FRAISSINET & Co.,
INDIA AND CHINA LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
"Lafayette,"
Commander,
due here on the 21st
Instant, will have quick despatch for the
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Agents.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883.

STEAMSHIP "PEIHO."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"Euphrate," from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods—with the
exception of Opium, Treasure, and
Valuables—being landed and stored
at their risk at the Company's Godown,
whence delivery may be obtained immedia-
tely after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees before 3 p.m. To-day, requesting it
to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Under-
signed.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Fri-
day, the 26th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims for damage must be sent in to
me before the 26th Instant or they will not
be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883. oc26

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Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL
AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S.S. ARABIC will be despatched
for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
with the option of calling at Honolulu,
on THURSDAY, the 25th October, at
3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
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address in full, and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

REMARKS.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. For Full Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
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to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

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Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 19, 1883. oc26

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

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O'Neill.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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Watson.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
CONCORDIA, Germ. S.M. schooner, Capt.
H. Ritter.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.
DANUBE, British steamer, Captain J.
Newton.—Yuen Fat Hong.
HAYDEN BROWN, Amer. barque, Capt. O.
Haveron.—Russell & Co.
KILLEREA, British barque, Capt. Hugh
Wallace.—Meyer & Co.
MAGIC, British brig, Captain White.—
Order.
MOUNT LEBANON, Brit. barquette, Capt.
Nelson.—Rozario & Co.
NIOVA, British barque, Captain James
Foister.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
SARAH S. RINGWAY, American barque,
Capt. H. O. Townsend.—Chinco.
SEA RIFLE, Brit. S.M. schooner, Capt.
Alfred Rickard.—Siemens & Co.
SILVER EAGLE, British barque, Captain
Richard.—Wieler & Co.
WILLOW, American barque, Captain
Chas. A. Sawyer.—Captain.

EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

To-day's Advertisements.

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"Cairnmuir,"
Captain CASTLE, due on
or about the 26th Inst.,
will have immediate despatch for the above
Ports.

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Hongkong, October 19, 1883.

RODERICK DEU WHISKY.

Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in
Quality and Style to the Finest
FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agent, Hongkong,
C. L. THEVENIN.
Hongkong, October 19, 1883. 19j84

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 19, Douglas, British steamer, 982,
Samuel Ashton, Foonchow Oct. 18, Amoy
17, and Swatow 18, General.—DOUGLAS
LAPRAIK & Co.

Oct. 19, Dunlop, British steamer, 561,
J. Newton, Bangkok Oct. 11, Rico and
General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Oct. 19, Ningpo, British steamer, 761,
Cass, Shanghai Oct. 15, General.—SIEM-
SEN & Co.

Oct. 19, Kyuen, Chinese steamer, from
Canton.

Oct. 19, Cheong-ching, Chinese gunboat,
from a cruise.

Oct. 19, Pitho, French steamer, 2073,
Lafont, Marseilles Sept. 16, Naples 16, Port
Said 22, Suez 24, Aden 29, Colombo Oct.
6, Singapore 12, and Saigon 15, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Oct. 19, Lutin, French gunboat, from
Macao.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 19, Greyhound, for Bangkok,
19, Livingston, for Swatow.
19, Euterpe, for Manila.
19, Ningpo, for Canton.
19, Naples, for Port Darwin, &c.

CLEARED.

Concordia, for Hioho.
Canton, for Saigon.
Camorta, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Pitho, from Hongkong: from Mar-
seilles, Mr. and Mrs. S. Muller, and Mr.
Plenche, and 53 Chinese. For Shanghai:
from Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Ennelt Camp-
bell, Mrs. Macdonald and 3 children, Rev.
Paris, Elliot, Moisan, La Riviere, Mail-
lard, Delfout, Garnier, Froc, Sevestre and
Chevalier, Messrs John Schmidt and Olive;
from Saigon, Mrs. Laura Schwann. For
Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs Rich-
ter and Silvius.

Per Dunlop, from Canton, Messrs
Trevor, Turnbul, and 3 Chinese.
Per Dunlop, from Bangkok, 59 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, 5 Europeans,
and 80 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Naples, for Port Darwin, &c. 7 Eu-
ropeans, and 20 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Canton, for Saigon, 40 Chinese.
Per Camorta, for Amoy, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Douglas reports:
Left Foonchow on the 16th inst. in port:
H.M.S. Zephyr, S. S. Whampoa, Ramona,
and Hae-an. Arrived on 17th S. S. Zep-
hyr, Albany, Dubuque, and Stratheden.
Swatow on 18th: S. S. Chefoo, Kwongkong,
and Tamsui. Moderate winds and fine
weather throughout.

The British steamer Danube reports:
Left Bangkok at 1.30 a.m. of the 11th inst.,
and had moderate N.E. winds to Pulo Obi;
thence to port strong monsoon and high
sea. At 2.30 p.m. of the 16th, passed a
two-masted steamer of the O. S. S. Co., in
lat. 14.25 N., long. 112.36 E., bound South.

The British steamer Ningpo reports:
Light N.E. wind and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—
For SHANGHAI.
Per Glenfruin, at 11.30 a.m., on Satur-
day, the 20th inst.

For SWATOW AND BANGKOK.—
Per Rajanatham, at 11.30 a.m., on Sat-
urday, the 20th inst.

For SINGAPORE AND NEW YORK.—
Per Galley of Lorne, at 5 p.m., on Sat-
urday, the 20th inst.

For AMOY AND MANILA.
Per Diamond, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday,
the 22nd inst.

For SWATOW AMOY & FOONCHOW.—
Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the
22nd inst.

earthquake, destructive more or less of life and property, occur every year, and many learned in the subject declare that the surface of the globe is never free from sensible evidence of the continued operation of earthquake agency—in other words, tremors, or slight shakings, are always taking place in one part or another of the earth.

If all reports are true, the Chinese Government are about to despatch a "Reconnoitering expedition southwards"—indeed, it is said, to Annam. We do not understand exactly what it all means, but we give the reports below in the order in which they were made public. Writing under the date of September 23rd, the Nanking correspondent of the N. O. D. News said:

The Official Gazette of this city publishes an Imperial Decree commanding P'ing Yü-lin to proceed at once on a reconnoitering expedition to Annam, taking with him five battalions of troops—comprising two thousand five hundred men. The naval forces hitherto under the command of P'ing are now to be placed under General Li Chuan-min, while the Yangtze is to remain in charge of the Kiangnan Provinces.

His Excellency starts in a few days for Yangtze and Woussung, to inspect the fisheries, who have lately been made into a sort of naval reserve.

In our Shanghai contemporary of the 12th instant, another letter appears from its Nanking correspondent, who, it seems, is a Chinese:

It is now verified that P'ing Yü-lin is to start on a reconnoitering expedition Southward. A Decree is said to have been issued to the following effect:—"The struggle in Annam is a grave and dangerous character. The border defence is far from being effective. Let P'ing Yü-lin take 2,500 men and start for Canton, and in conjunction with Viceroy Chou prepare the necessary coast defence. Li Chuan-min is to take charge of the affairs of the Northern Ocean, and Viceroy Tso, with General Li, those of the Southern Sea. We too shall march from Kiang with the trained infantry, 3,000 in number, to the Capital (Peking). These reports are direct and among other things are quite reliable. Viceroy Tso has appointed the *chi-yuen* Yao to accompany Mr. V. Muller, and a student interpreter named Kong to survey the banks of the Yangtze for erecting telegraph communication. The survey will probably occupy months. The work of construction cannot take place till spring. The party started on the 10th inst.

The N. O. D. News confirms, in the same issue, (Oct. 12th), this intelligence by stating in a local paragraph:—"We have received letters from official sources at Nanking confirming our previous information with respect to the reconnoitering expedition of P'ing Yü-lin to Annam. The Viceroy, after many delays, is to start to-day for Woussung."

We are not inclined to think the Chinese Government will be so foolish as to send any troops in this official way into Annam, and they are probably intended to swell the Chinese forces which are undoubtedly collected in greater or less numbers, on the Tonquin borders. If these reports are reliable, however, and there is no reason to doubt their accuracy, the important fact is established that the Chinese Government is despatching further reinforcements to Canton, or even nearer than that to the seat of the French operations in Tonquin.

Mons. M. E. Fleish, Consul-General for France at Shanghai, was to leave Shanghai for home by the French mail on the 18th inst. Mr. Deland, at present with H. E. Mons. Trépo, was to take charge of French interests at the port.

This old Woussung railway plant—the centrepiece in the Emperor of China's dream—is again going to be used. The *Haeckel*, which has arrived from Swatow, brought some of the carriages and the engine, and these are being transported to the *Poochi* for the north; though we have been unable to learn where the line is to be laid down. It is rumored, however, that the trains will run in connection with the coal mines.—N. O. D. News.

Not long ago, we published an extract about the curious advertisements that from time to time appear in the "agony column" of the home papers. Here is a curious incident connected with the subject. The *Standard* of the 21st of August publishes the following at the head of its second column, from page 1:

"One Hundred Pounds Reward.—This amount will be paid by the Publisher of the *Standard* to anyone who will give information as to the detection of the person who inserted, or caused to be inserted, a false, scandalous, and malicious advertisement, which appeared at the head of the Second Column on the First Page of the *Standard* of the 10th of August, 1893, addressed to a Lady lately residing at Brighton."

The advertisement referred to runs thus:—"Mr. S. H. H. of S. H. H. of S. H. H. is requested to communicate with his friend E. H. H. who is anxious to hear from her and cannot understand her silence. Is the old man back yet? Wins a nice, cheap Amy."

Letters from the North mention a rumour that Sir George Bowen, Governor of Hongkong, who has recently visited the Great Wall, was robbed of all his personal effects while staying at the Nan-k'ou village inn.

If this be true, we are afraid that Sir George neglected the solemn warning which greets every traveller at the hostelry in question. It is a clean, comfortable little house, but its reputation is no kind of good, indeed, that somebody—very kindly—has attributed some lines upon the walls of the principal room, in French, to the following effect:—"N.B.—Travellers are warned that they are in a country of robbers. Consequently they will do well to make their arrangements in advance with the innkeeper and the murderer.—A. Philanthropist." Underneath is written in another hand: "This advice ought to be taken." The village inn in question is inhabited almost entirely by Mohammedans, and although the followers of the Prophet in China have many virtues—cleanliness and intelligence, for instance—honesty is not one of them. It was at this very inn that some members of the British Legation got into a serious difficulty some years ago, and were almost robbed and then killed. It is to be hoped that in this instance Sir George will be able to recover his stolen property.—N. O. D. News.

A special sitting of the Mixed Court was held on the 15th October, when seven Chinese were brought up on the charge of cutting and stealing the river telegraph cables between Woussung and Gataiaf. Two of the prisoners were iron merchants at Tong-kia-jou, and in their shops a quantity of cable material had been found; the other prisoners were boatmen and fishermen, some of them known to be good divers, who were engaged in cutting the cables. After a long investigation, the members of the Court retired and discussed the matter, and on resuming their seats on the bench, Chen announced that he would submit a decision to the British Assessor and the Danish Consul. The amount of cable stolen from the Great Northern Telegraph Company is as follows:—On the night of the 16th May, 1893, 1.6 miles from Woussung, 0.020 mile of cable weighing 6.75 tons per mile; on the 14th August, at 3 p.m., 5 miles from Woussung, 0.035 mile of cable weighing 1.0 tons per mile; on the 3rd September, 6.3 miles from Woussung, 0.031 mile of cable weighing 0.75 tons per mile—in all 1.676 miles of cable. On the 4th September last, 20½ miles from Woussung, 6 yards of the core of the Great Northern Co.'s cable was found. The cable should be extracted. Of the cable material recovered, 145 pieces of cable in lengths of from 4 to 20 feet, total weight 3,443 lbs., and 5 long pieces, 60 feet, 125 feet, 150 feet, 100 feet and 915 feet, weighing 1,440 lbs., all belonged to the Eastern Extension Company. Of 2,385 lbs. of iron wires in the cable belonged to the Great Northern Company.—Shanghai Courier.

The following translation of a Chinese handbill, copies of which, if the Abbé Carreau may be trusted, have recently been distributed broadcast among the inhabitants of the north of Yunnan, affords a striking illustration of the animosity with which the "foreign devils" are regarded by the Chinese:

The Europeans do not belong to the human race; they are the descendants of apes and gnomes, their appearance resembles that of apes, their heart that of the devil; for this reason they are called "koui-tse" (European devils). This race of savages worships neither heaven nor earth, does not honour its parents, has no reverence for its ancestors. Besides this, among them the sanctity of family ties is unknown. With these people, dogs and pigs, their talk is only of quality; they have no idea of social hierarchy, and know no distinction between father and son, King and subject. These famous English particularly, what are they? A small tribe confined in a corner of the sea, on an island not larger than a hand. Their religion may be an idolatry, or a form of idolatry, but their subjects are men, half animals. You say, "But if this race is so savage, how is it that they can manufacture steamers, railways, watches—none of which we, the sons of the Celestial Empire, are able to make?" You are simpletons! Do you not know that these Europeans, who come into our country under the pretext of preaching religion, in reality only come to snatch away the eyes and the brains of the dying, to extract blood from children, and with these eyes, these brains, and this blood they make medicinal pills, which they sell in their country, and so acquire ability to do all these things. Only those Chinese substance have their eyes opened sufficiently to make the discoveries of which they are so vain. But remember what our holy books say:—"The proud enemy shall without fail be conquered." Their great confidence is in their steamships. With these boats they have many a time, or at least they have many a time, to cross the Spirit of the Sea. Let us have my way and I swear I will exterminate them all to the last, and none shall return home. If the Emperor would only send a few regiments against them! If a few are insufficient, let all the armies of the empire be sent. Fortune is on my side, and we shall win. You say yet, "But if they are so dangerous why do our mandarins allow them to sojourn in our country?" Listen! Our mandarins do but tolerate an evil which they cannot mend, but at the bottom of their hearts they suffer it but grudgingly. Our mandarins are going to give them the opportunity to talk to a great dignitary, who frankly avowed that they were only waiting for an opportunity to exterminate this pest. And, in fact, it could be easily done. Of real European barbarians scattered throughout the empire there are about very few; the vast majority only consist of false barbarians, disciples of their religion. Now, all the empire is divided into districts, the districts into counties, having each its chief of the national guard. Well, let each district, each county, under the command of its chief, begin to pursue all these savages. If they try to resist, let the mandarins call in the troops of the districts, all the counties, may rise like a single man, let mandarins and subjects unite in one common effort, that at last these barbarians may know that they cannot without punishment brave the wrath of a whole empire.—*Pull Mall Gazette*.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before Sir G. Phillips, Chief Justice).
Friday, Oct. 19.

PROSECUTION FOR LIBEL—QUEEN V. FRANKS-KNIGHT.

This case came on this morning to allow defendant an opportunity of filing his plea of justification, and of asking for an adjournment of the trial.

Mr. J. J. Francis, instructed by Messrs Branson, Wotton and Deacon, appeared for the Surveyor General, at whose instance the charge is made.

Mr. Francis asked his Worship to direct the defendant's plea of justification to be read.

This was done by the Registrar, Mr. R. J. Leary.

Mr. Francis—I object to the justification as being bad and invalid in a Court of Law. It is wanting altogether in particularities.

His Lordship to defendant—Are you prepared to support your plea?

Defendant—Yes, my Lord.

His Lordship to Mr. Francis—Then you will have to put in your demurrer.

Mr. Francis—Will your Lordship have the matter argued just now?

His Lordship—If you are ready, yes.

Defendant—I think my plea goes a good deal further than that. I think in addition to saying that the alleged libel is true in substance and in fact, it points—

His Lordship—I am only referring to that part in the charge that points an application. You must add something more than saying the alleged libel is true in substance and in fact.

Defendant—I have taken my form of plea from "Archbold's Pleading and Evidence."

His Lordship quoted a passage from Archbold to the effect that a plea of justification, besides stating that the alleged libel was true in substance and in fact, it had to state that certain particulars were true.

His Lordship to defendant—Although you have said it was true in fact, you have not said the particulars are true. In going to the jury with a plea of justification, you would not be justified if you proved that the substance was true, but the particulars were false.

Defendant—I have taken the exact form which was submitted to the Court before.

His Lordship—There were distinct charges there.

Defendant—I really have not charged the honourable Surveyor General with being a murderer. I could not conscientiously attempt to justify that—nor have I charged him with being corrupt.

The learned counsel said that, inasmuch as he might just as well have said I accused the prosecutor in this case with being a murderer.

His Lordship—What you have stated in the paragraph in question, as adapted for the purpose of this argument is:—"Mr. Francis is a determined opponent of the jobbery which is said to prevail in the Surveyor General's department. The subordinate members alluded to do not scruple to relate by asserting and robbing that the honourable member—Ries to monopolize all the 'good things' to his own pocket in his 'own department.'"

What you now say is that it is true; that the subordinate members did say so. That is no justification.

Defendant—The learned counsel in drawing up his information has very conveniently left out four words at the end of the paragraph, which gives the paragraph an entirely different meaning from what it was upon it by him. I think it will give the learned counsel or any other body a considerable amount of trouble to prove that jobbery means corruption.

His Lordship—That is not the question. The question is whether or not you intend to justify yourself by saying that these charges you make of bribery and corruption are true; not that the subordinate members did say so.

Defendant—I mean to justify myself that so far as jobbery is concerned they are true. That is the extent to which this article goes and no further.

His Lordship—Then you must set that up in your plea. You must have some definite issue.

Defendant—I will prove every thing that I have said in my plea. I am bound to stand or fall by the article, not by the innuendoes put in by the learned counsel.

His Lordship—What you propose to raise as an issue by your present plea is that the writer of the article was informed by some subordinate in the Surveyor General's Department there was bribery and corruption. You are bound to go further than that, you are bound to show what the bribery is.

Defendant—I am quite prepared, if your Lordship please, to say that jobbery does exist.

Defendant—You will have to put in your plea, and then I will ask for an adjournment to amend my plea.

His Lordship—You will see in the case of Regina v. Newman, the plea were amended twice before they were permitted to be filed. If you look at that case you will find that all the specific matters are set out on which the justification was founded.

His Lordship to Mr. Francis—Do you propose to say anything?

Mr. Francis—Your Lordship has said in substance all I proposed to say. In mentioning that the plea is wanting in particularities, your Lordship has exactly stated the objection I proposed to take; and that was that the principal allegation in the libel is that somebody also made those statements complained of. That was the only objection I intended to urge. I would ask you, however, to point out that in amending his plea, defendant does not only state that he alleged his statements to be true in substance and in fact, but that he must also give particulars of those statements.

His Lordship—It is clearly so according to the authorities, and it was stated upon the case of the Queen against Newman.

His Lordship then read over the form which ought to be adopted and added:—"In addition to that you will find by the authorities it has to specify times and places so that the prosecutor may be able to get up his evidence to rebut the statements made."

Defendant—Thank you, my Lord.

His Lordship—How long will you wait?

Defendant—To-day, my Lord, or to-morrow, if that will suit.

His Lordship—To-morrow will suit me well enough, but I think you had better say Monday, my Lord.

ploded guilty to having been concerned in a case of shop-lifting.

His Lordship said it was very sad to see a boy of the prisoner's age becoming a habitual criminal; and he only regretted he had not the power to send him to a reformatory. All his previous offences had been much the same as the one to which he had pleaded guilty yesterday; and his Lordship was afraid he had mixed with a gang of thieves. Solitary confinement and simple imprisonment had been tried on him without effect; and the only thing his Lordship could do was to separate him from the gang of thieves with which he seemed to be connected. Sentenced to two years' hard labour. His Lordship hoped by the end of that period that the gang would be broken up, and that prisoner would have an opportunity of earning an honest livelihood. In the meantime, if he applied to his Excellency the Governor to be sent to a reformatory, his Lordship would not doubt his application would be considered.

Chun Tak, who pleaded guilty to larceny from the person, and several previous convictions, was then sentenced to two years' hard labour. His Lordship said prisoner's offences had all been of a light nature, and he would therefore give him another chance before sentencing him to a long period of penal servitude.

THE FIBROUS CASE.
Mr. Mackinnon asked his Lordship to grant a further remand of a week in the *fibrous case*, which was a case of shop-lifting, as he was not quite prepared to go on with it.

The remand was granted.

(Before the Hon. James Russell, Prison Judge.)

Wong Afuk was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for having stolen a bundle of clothes from a rich man. He was an old offender.

Lau Asing, who pleaded guilty to having committed a petty theft, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. His Lordship said prisoner's record contained eleven convictions, was the longest he had collected having served in this colony. He seemed to have hardly been out of gaol since 1873. His Lordship would recommend the Government to deport prisoner at the expiration of his sentence.

Chung Atai, who was found guilty of stealing one pair of stockings belonging to James Deland, and who also admitted previous convictions, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Hung Afat, an old offender found guilty of house-breaking, was also sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Police Intelligence.
(Before H. E. Wakeham, Esq.)
Friday, Oct. 19.

LARCENY.
Lai Atak, unemployed, was convicted, on his own admission, of stealing three pieces of clothing, value about 90, from a fireman, and there being two previous convictions against him, he was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Chau Ayan, coolie, with two previous convictions against him, was brought up for the theft of a pair of cotton jackets from a widow.

It appeared that the defendant was seen by a stone-pitter, to take away the two jackets from a bamboo. The witness arrested him. The theft was committed while the owner of the property, an old woman, was talking to two men, who appear to have been the confederates of the defendant.

Defendant said he heard there were three men going to commit the robbery, and when he was looking on. The men ran away and he was arrested.

Sentenced to four months' hard labour.

For stealing a plank, value 80 cents, another Chau Ayan, also a coolie, was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.
Wong Ahing, of the wide-reaching profession of coolie, was charged with being a suspicious character.

P. C. John Lafferty, while on duty in Bonham Strand, saw defendant trying to push open the door of a house. Defendant, on seeing the constable, ran away, but the latter pursued and arrested him.

Sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour as a rogue and a vagabond.

NEWS BY THE FREE CH MAIL.
The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Pelto* arrived here about noon to-day, bringing London mails up to the 14th September.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.
London, Sept. 25.—The storehouse at Woolwich Arsenal containing rockets, has been destroyed by fire yesterday. The rockets which flew about in all directions, some going as far as six miles, caused damage to property, two people losing their lives by the catastrophe. It is believed to have been purely accidental.

THREATENED AFFAIRS.
London, Sept. 25.—News from the *Thames* states that two chiefs, Manupor and Bopoh, have been sentenced to death by the Boer Government.

CHINA AND FRANCE.
Paris, Sept. 25.—The *Free Press* publishes an article to-day stating that acting under the influence of England, the Chinese Government proposes to the French, the annexation of Annam as far as the Red River-China to annex the remainder of Tonquin.

The Red River to be opened for navigation for all nations.

The French make a claimant for the whole of the delta.

COYON SHIPWRECK STRIKE ENDED.
London, Sept. 27.—A strike of fifteen thousand cotton spinners at Ashton-under-Lyne which commenced on the 17th August was terminated yesterday.

ORANGEISM IN PARALLELS.
London, Sept. 27.—News from Ireland states that the Orangemen are massing at Dungannon with a view to preventing the military from carrying out the service of the military.

The military have been called out to disperse the mob.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT FOR INDIA.
London, Sept. 27.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will embark at Brindisi for Bombay on November 5th.

RUSSIAN ARMS AND MEN ARE CONTINUOUSLY ENTERING BULGARIA.
CHINA DECLINES FRENCH PROPOSALS.
Paris, Sept. 25.—Maurice Teung had a conference with the President of Council of Ministers to-day, and it is reported that the Chinese Government have declined the French proposals.

PARNELL NOT SHOT.
London, Sept. 25.—The report of Parnell's assassination has turned out to be groundless.

THE BLACK FLAG RETIRING.
Paris, Sept. 25.—An official telegram states that the "Black Flag" have retired to Sontay.

RUSSIA IN PACIFIC.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—It is semi-officially stated that the Russian policy in Bulgaria is entirely of a pacific character.

THE KING OF SPAIN IN FRANCE.
Paris, Sept. 25.—The King of Spain arrived at Paris to-day and was welcomed by President Grévy, but on his way from the station he was accosted by the people along the entire route.

Paris, Sept. 30.—President Grévy apologized to King Alfonso for the treatment his Majesty received yesterday at the hands of the populace. The King in consequence countermanded the order previously given for his immediate departure, and as accepted an invitation to St. Banaque.

Paris papers of this morning condemn the action of the Parisians and express deep regret at the gross insult offered to the King of Spain.

Madrid, Sept. 30.—Great indignation is felt here at the reception given to King Alfonso at Estia yesterday.

A NEW PHASE OF THE TONGKIN QUESTION.
Paris, Sept. 25.—News from Tonquin states that the French Resident at Hue has procured a despatch from the Chinese Government investing two ministers with full powers to pacify the people of Tonquin, disband the army and send the rebellious Generals and Mandarins to Hue.

THE FRENCH TRAVEL TO KING ALPHONSO.
Paris, Oct. 1.—Notwithstanding the request of President Grévy to remain here another day, the King of Spain intends returning to Madrid to-day.

Madrid, Oct. 1.—The people here are preparing to give King Alfonso an ovation on his arrival from Paris.

Queen Christina arrived here to-day. Great enthusiasm was displayed on her arrival.

In consequence of the anti-French demonstrations exhibited by the populace, the French embassy is guarded.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.
ANOTHER BOMBING AGENT.
Lahore, Sept. 20.—It is reported that a Russian agent awaits Ameez Abdul Rahuman at Kandahar, whom his Highness will meet at the same time as the Persian Envoy.

WEEK OF THE "HOOTER CHIEFTAIN."
Calcutta, Sept. 20.—The ship "Scottish Chieftain," which left Calcutta for London on the 27th August with a cargo of linseed, wheat and oats, was wrecked on the night of the 8th inst. on the Middle Andaman Island. Captain McIntyre, his wife, the officers and crew, 25 souls all told, arrived in Calcutta yesterday in the British Indian steamer "Malabar."

It appears that rough weather was experienced for three days before the accident occurred, and when the vessel struck the rocks she began to fill so rapidly that there was no time to do more than provision the life-boats and get into them. The boats remained by the vessel till daybreak and the occupants then went ashore and had refreshments. The captain and some of the others then returned to the ship, which was all right, and after securing some provisions, remained as long as they thought safe, waiting to be rescued.

Four islanders made their appearance, and the party thinking it time to move, again took to the boats, but being unable to steer for Port Blair without charts, they made for Port Cornwallis, and after considerable difficulty, owing to rough weather, arrived there on the 12th inst. They were surprised to find no signs of civilization, and on the following day steered for the Cocos Islands. At 4 a.m. on the 14th, they sighted the light on Table Island, and the superintendent of the island, who has taken a residence for the winter. Dr. Macarthur had an interview with Lord Granville, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the 11th inst.

We believe that a further convention has recently been signed between the British and Spanish Governments at Bangkok. One of the clauses of this agreement provides for the residence of a British Consul official at Chienngai (Zimmo). Mr. E. B. Gould, of H.B.M.'s Consulate at Bangkok, is the officer chosen, as we mentioned some months since, and it is probable that he will soon proceed to his post.

In our last issue we gave a rumour that was current that Herr von Brandt, German Minister to China, was about to return to Peking. It is now affirmed that he will not return until his leave expires, the work of the Legation being carried on in the meantime by Graf Tattenbach, the Chargé d'Affaires.

We are informed that it is the intention of H. M.'s Government to despatch a Minister Plenipotentiary to Korea to negotiate a treaty that will open up that country to residence and commerce for British subjects. We believe that a German Minister will also proceed to Korea at the same time. It is likely that they will visit the country, as the postponed ratification only extends to the close of the year, and the navigation is also closed during the winter months. We cannot say who will be the envoy, but it is not probable that one will be despatched from home.

The steamer *Decima*, which arrived at Hamburg on the 8th inst. from Japan, reports that the experienced very bad weather and heavy sea in the Bay of Biscay, which carried away her bulwarks and boats and all loose things from the deck.

The *Castle Line* steamer *Glamis Castle*, from Hankow for London, with a cargo of tea, has been loaded into Falmouth with machinery disabled.

The *Kioto Unyu Kaisha* (Union Steam Navigation Company) of Japan, as our readers are aware, was recently established at Tokyo by charter from the Imperial Government with a capital of 21,000,000, of which a capital of 10,000,000, of which we are informed by Admiral Ito, the president of the company, 250,000, was subscribed by the Government, in lieu of a subsidy, and the remainder, 200,000, by the Japanese public. This company now possesses a fleet of steamers and sailing vessels which are under the Japanese flag and intended for the Japanese coasting trade. The paid-up capital of the company (200,000) has already been invested in nineteen steamers of a dead-weight carrying capacity of over 80,000 tons, and twenty-two sailing vessels of 7,000 tons. Some of these have been contracted for with Messrs. Harland, Blount, and Bell, and other well-known shipbuilders on the Clyde, and others with Sir W. G. Armstrong, Mitchell and Co., Limited, on the Tyne. All the steamers are first-class passenger and cargo steamers, built under Lloyd's special survey and classed 100 A.1. The purchases and contracts were made by the personal direction of Admiral Ito, the president of the company, assisted by Mr. K. W. Irvine, foreign manager, and Capt. A. R. Brown, marine engineer, who were sent to England specially to carry out this important business.

ruins and Charles Napier experienced a like fate during the day when they held command of Don Pedro's fleet.

Captain J. B. Barnett, R.N., has retired from the active list under the terms of the second clause of the captain's retirement scheme, which permits the optional retirement of captains at the age of fifty. Captain Barnett's last command about was the *Edin*, with which he served on the China Station from 1871 to May, 1874.

The following appointments to the China squadron are announced:—A. T. Hunt, midshipman, to the *Andalusian*, additional, for the *Chopra*, when recommissioned; F. C. U. V. Westworth, midshipman, to the *Andalusian*, additional, for the *Chopra*, when recommissioned; Liou, in command, to the *Zephyr*, when recommissioned.

The *Moore*, Lieut. Commander J. H. Corio, and the *Sheldrake*, Lieut. Commander Bridger, homeward bound from the China Station, have left Suva.

Captain R. M. C. S. Pelly, late of the *Chopra*, invalided from China, and now on his passage home, is likely to be appointed to the *Superb* or *Ceylon*.

The gunboat *Indie* recently put into Portsmouth on her way to the Cape, it having been found that she could not be kept on a straight course with her sails set, and she was therefore ordered to return to the Cape for repairs. The defect is serious, as it requires one set of engines to develop about 100-horse power more than the other to keep her in a straight line.

Andalusian, Sept. 25.—The steamship *Andalusian* has not shown much animation during the past week, but because more lively towards the close. Communication with the Far East has again been of a limited character, the only arrivals being the *Emmeline* barque, from Rangoon, and the *Decima*, S. S., from Calcutta, and the *Edin*, S. S., from Hongkong. The berth at present occupied by the following vessels:—*Trenton*, S. S., for Hongkong; *Messini*, S. S., to leave Sept. 30; *Hesperia*, S. S., to leave Oct. 10; and *Perusia*, S. S., to leave Nov. 30; all three of the German Steamship Company, for the regular route via Panama, Singapore, &c., to Australia. English S. S. has been advertised to leave to-day for Singapore, Hongkong, Yokohama, Higo, and Nagasaki, and the *Pembroke*, English S. S., will follow the same route, and is to leave here at the beginning of next month.

Five Chinese, recently sent to State Prison in New Jersey, were taken to the question whether the cutting of their queues was not an unconstitutional interference with their religious faith. This question has been practically decided by the United States Circuit Court. Three or four years ago Ah Kong brought a similar suit against the Sheriff of San Francisco and won his case. The Court set aside the ordinance of that city under which the Chinaman's queue was clipped in jail on the grounds, first, that the Board of Supervisors had no power to pass it, and second, that while general in terms, it was aimed against the Chinese, and was therefore special legislation, in violation of the constitution. But the Court admitted that there was no constitutional objection to shaving the heads of Chinese in common with those of other convicts in State prisons. On this point Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, said:—"This class cutting of the hair which is practiced upon inmates of the State Penitentiary, like shaving the heads of convicts, is entirely a matter of police regulation, and thus prevent their escape and facilitate their recapture. They are measures of precaution as well as parts of a general system of treatment prescribed by the directors of the Penitentiary under the authority of the State for parties convicted of and imprisoned for felonies."

TEMPERATURE.
(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)
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